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Elder Affairs

Tri-Town COAs Get Grants

State Representative William Straus (D-Mattapoisett), State Senator Marc Pacheco (D-Taunton), and State Senator Joan Menard (D-Fall River) announced recently that the Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester Councils on Aging (COAs) will be receiving a combined $37,543 in additional state assistance for their programs.

The Fairhaven COA will receive $20,960 to be used towards the employment of a driver and a receptionist. The Marion COA will be using its $6,310 in various ways including employment of an outreach coordinator specialist to help offset newsletter mailing costs and to provide for dues and conference attendance. The Mattapoisett COA is receiving $7,379 to employ a part-time van driver and provide for mileage, postage, utilities, office supplies, and printing and copying. Further, the Rochester COA will use its $2,894 to help defray transportation, utility and newspaper costs.

"This additional assistance is vital to helping our local COAs best serve one of our most vulnerable populations," said Representative Straus. "Also, I am proud of the legislature for recognizing and meeting the needs of this population and hope that we can build upon the 10 percent increase for COA budgets contained in the FY05 budget."

Council on Aging Grants, which are administered by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, are calculated based on a municipality's population over age 60, multi-



Above: *Members of the Belliveau family of Rochester pose with copies of* The Wanderer *at the recent Belliveau Family Reunion held in August 2004 in Belliveau Cover, Nova Scotia, Canada. Pictured here are Rochester residents six-year-old Sarah, eleven-year-old Tyler, and eight-year-old Jessica with cousins Jonathon and William Latino.*

On the Cover: *Students in Mrs. White's Kindergarten class at Sippican School in Marion pose in front of the impressive tower-like hut which they built out of rolled newspaper logs which were purchased for $1 each to benefit the victims of last month's tsunami disaster. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).*



Above: *Sippican School students in Marion busily worked to construct homes out of logs of rolled newspaper which were purchased to benefit the victims of the recent tsunami disaster last Friday as part of the school's "Dollars for Domiciles" fund-raiser. As of last Friday, the school had collected over $5,500 which will be donated to the UNICEF Tsunami Relief Effort. The unique fund-raiser was the brainchild of sixth grade teacher David Baker. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).*

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plied by $5.43. Governor Mitt Romney attempted to level-fund Councils on Aging, proposing funding at $5.9 million. Both the House and Senate overwhelmingly voted to increase funding, ultimately appropriating $6.5 million for grants to Councils on Aging.

"This grant will help ensure that Councils on Aging can continue to provide vital assistance to seniors in our area, including health care, housing, and transportation," said Senator Marc Pacheco.

Local COAs have become a valuable resource for area seniors. With limited resources, these agencies provide needed outreach, namely, Meals on Wheels, transportation assistance, and interactive community programming, to a unique population. At the same time, Councils on Aging act as a gateway for senior access to crucial legal, health and public safety services.

"The Council on Aging plays a vital role in the lives of so many in the Rochester community," said Senator Joan M. Menard, who represents Rochester in the State Senate. "This grant will go a long way in defraying transportation and utility costs as well as providing funds for the COA's newsletter."

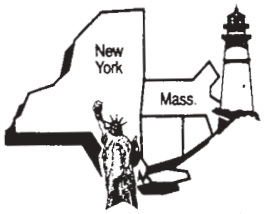
Penalty Payment

Bouchard Oil Spill Funding Allocated

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$2.3 million of a total of $7 million in Oil Spill penalty funds has been approved by the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) Council to protect 285 acres of coastal lands on Buzzards Bay. The funds are part of the criminal fine paid by the Bouchard Transportation Company for the April 27, 2003 Oil Spill in Buzzards Bay. As part of its fine to compensate for the killing of migratory birds, the Company was instructed to pay $7 million into the NAWCA program.

The conservation projects receiving these first grants are the Viveiros Farm in Fairhaven; the Field Farm & Saltmarsh Restoration Project in Mattapoisett; and the Chapin White Farm in Westport — a total of 285 acres of coastal marsh, fields and adjacent forest.

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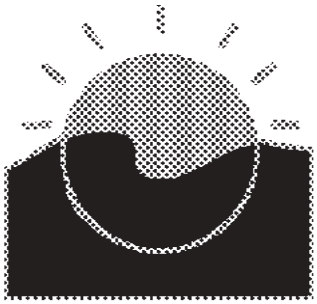
Transportation spilled an estimated 98,000 gallons of fuel oil into Buzzards Bay — a federally-designated 'Estuary of National Significance' and a state 'Ocean Sanctuary.' The spill polluted 93 miles of coastline, killed a recorded 461 birds, and shut down thousands of acres of shellfish beds. The oil spill reduced the habitat quality of Buzzards Bay for migratory birds, resident birds, marine animals, coastal vegetation and coastal invertebrates.

On March 29, 2004, U.S. Attorney Michael J. Sullivan announced that Bouchard would plead guilty to criminal charges related to the Oil Spill in Buzzards Bay and pay a $10 million fine — $7 million of that fine was directed to the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) Program administered by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS). NAWCA provides matching grants to organizations that have developed partnerships to carry out wetlands conservation projects in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

As a result, on November 18, at Bouchard's formal sentencing, the U.S. District Court in Boston asked the US FWS to spend all of the $7 million dedicated to the NAWCA funds to acquire and restore wetlands in the Buzzards Bay Watershed.

In response to this opportunity, the Massachusetts Environmental Trust convened and funded an unprecedented coalition of 25 local, state and national conservation organizations and towns. The Coalition for Buzzards Bay took the lead in developing a collaborative proposal

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to NAWCA to protect Buzzards Bay habitat for waterfowl and migratory birds. The project partners sought not only to pursue land acquisitions that were near areas affected by the 2003 oil spill, but also proposed protecting sites with wetlands in areas threatened by residential and commercial development that are critical sites for waterfowl and shorebirds. A $10,000 grant from the MET supported development of the grant applications and partnership.

MET Executive Director Robbin Peach said: "This money really could have been directed anywhere in North America, but, the Trust grant enabled all of the area's environmental organizations to unite in applying for the grant funds and make a very compelling case."



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In December, the NAWCA Council met in Mexico and approved $2.3 million worth of the Buzzards Bay NAWCA funds to protect the Viveiros Farm in Fairhaven, the Field Farm & saltmarsh restoration project in Mattapoisett and the Chapin White Farm in Westport — a total of 285 acres of coastal marsh, fields and adjacent forest.

Mark Rasmussen, Executive Director of the Coalition for Buzzards Bay said: "With such strong development pressure in southeastern Massachusetts, opportunities to protect the Buzzards Bay shoreline are becoming rarer every day. These funds are allowing us to take a great step forward in protecting natural areas on our coast for future generations and help turn the tragedy of the April 2003 Oil Spill into long-term improvements in the health of Buzzards Bay."

The Trustees of Reservations and Westport Land Conservation Trust will purchase a perpetual conservation restriction on the 96-acre Chapin White Farm in Westport, one of the largest undeveloped riverfront parcels on the East Branch of the Westport River. The former dairy farm includes approximately 3,250 feet of frontage on the river and more than 22 acres of brackish tidal marsh which provide vital habitat for hundreds of species of birds and marine organisms.

The Coalition for Buzzards Bay is leading the effort to acquire a combination of land and Conservation Restrictions to permanently protect the 127-acre Viveiros Dairy Farm on Sconticut Neck in Fairhaven. This coastal

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The Coalition for Buzzards Bay and the Mattapoisett Land Trust have worked together to purchase a permanent conservation restriction on the 65-acre Field Farm in Mattapoisett. The land is comprised of a 37-acre managed forest, more than 20 acres of salt marsh, a number of small fields and pastures and 1,550 feet of shoreline along Brant Island Cove, nearly the entire eastern shore of the Cove.

The decision of the NAWCA Council must be ratified in March 2005 by the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission, a U.S. Congressional body, prior to the dispersal of the funds.

Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

January 18, 2005

By Eletha M. Yeaton

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, January 18 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Raymond H. Andrews. Also present were Selectman Stephen J. Lombard, Selectman Jordan C. Collyer, Town Administrator Michael J. Botelho, and Assistant to the Town Administrator Melody Pacheco.

After signing the necessary bills and vouchers for the week, the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2005 meeting and the Executive Session minutes of the same date. In addition, the board

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voted to sign short-term borrowing bonds from Town Treasurer Brenda Herbeck for additional funding of sewer projects and water district.

The board then voted to accept with regret the resignation of Beverly Butler of 4 Holly Street as a member of the Mattapoisett Housing Partnership. They expressed many thanks for her past service to the town.

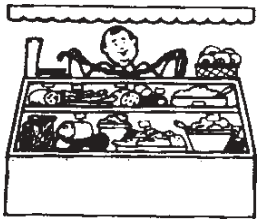
In other business, the board voted to accept the Comcast discount for seniors of 10 percent off the basic rate. In order to a get this discount, seniors must request it by calling Comcast directly. A direct number will be available soon at the Selectmen's office.

The board then voted to appoint Rebecca McCann of 3 Appaloosa Lane to the Mattapoisett Cultural Council,

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and then voted to resign a Chapter 90 money form for Tallman Street.

At 7:05 pm, the board met with the Library Board of Trustees for a departmental update. The presentation was made by Trustee Robert Atkinson with the floor plan drawings and the packet prepared by the architect with an updated approach to the renovation and restoration of the historic building. The trustees felt these revised plans are far superior to the original design and will greatly enhance the use of the building for better Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, use of the facilities, and will increase shelf space from 25,000 volumes up to 40,000.

The meeting room which will be available for town use and seat 75 will have access and a grid separating it from the library when closed, thus permitting it to be used in the evening. Veterans Park will be enhanced and additional off-street parking will be a great convenience. When bids come in for the project and final figures are available, an article will be placed on the warrant asking the town for additional funds that are the result of escalated per-square-foot costs, even though the scale of the building has been reduced.

Selectman Lombard voiced his concern about the many costs facing the town in FY 2006, and his reluctance to support additional overrides. He will withhold judgement until he sees the final town budget figures. Meanwhile the Library Trustees will continue to raise funds privately, and Library Director Judy Wallace will continue to work on other funding sources. The Selectmen then voted to send a letter to the Massachusetts Historical Commission and Architectural Access Board noting their approval of the current library plans.

At 7:25 pm the board met with Steve Kelleher, Chairman of the Mattapoisett Bike Path Committee, and Bill DeSantis, Senior Project Manager of Vanasse, Hangen,

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and Brustlin, Inc. (VHB). Mr. Kelleher presented an interim report on the project to the board which addressed in greater detail some of the areas pertaining to the building of the Bike Path. No final figures are yet available for the cost. VHB still needs verification on several aspects of the project especially land takings and legal fees.

Selectman Andrews expressed concern about the situation of the sewer pipe and beach erosion in the Eel Pond area, while Selectman Lombard expressed concern about the cost to the town after state construction when the town is then responsible for all further costs. Selectman Collyer wanted to know what the insurance policy for the town would cover. These and other concerns warranted a further separate meeting with the Bike Path Committee which would allow for more ample discussion after the Selectmen have been able to read the report more fully and investigate some of the questions. The board then voted to allow the committee to use the remaining $5,000 of the original grant to move the project forward.

At press time, the board were meeting with Water/Sewer Superintendent William T. "Nick" Nicholson concerning the town's joining the Mattapoisett River Water District. Action would require a vote of the board.

A public thank you was made to the "Woman of the Year," Debbie Soares, and the "Man of the Year," Frank Haggerty, and the board also expressed their deepest

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In other matters, the board noted:

• The next Tri-Town Selectmen's meeting will be held on Thursday, January 20 at 6:00 pm in the Marion Town House. The next regular Selectmen's Meeting will be on Tuesday, February 1 at 7:00 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall.

• The next Mattapoisett School Building Committee meeting will be Monday, February 10 at 4:30 pm in the Center School Conference Room.

• A meeting of the Senior Center Study Committee will be held at the Council on Aging at 3:00 pm on January 31 at Center School.

• The next Wind Power Study Committee will be January 24 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall.

• The second FY06 budget meeting of the Tri-Town Boards of Selectmen, Tri-Town Finance Committees (FinComs), Tri-Town Administrators, and all School Committee members will take place on Thursday, February 10 at 6:00 pm in the ORR School Committee Confer-



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Town Administrator Michael J. Botelho also reported:

• Deborah Silva of 6 Laurel Lane was appointed as Parking Clerk for the Mattapoisett Police Department.

• Jessica Alves of 110 Newton Street, New Bedford, and Elizabeth Medeiros of 15 Howard Street, Dartmouth, were appointed as Reserve Police Officers.

• Four towns have voted to disaffiliate from the Plymouth County Health Group and form the Gateway Health Group, including Marion and Mattapoisett.

• The Town of Mattapoisett and the Mattapoisett Police Union, IBPO Local 336, have reached an agreement on a new three-year police contract.

• The board has received applicants interested in filling the open position on the Conservation Commission (ConCom). They are Mary Anne Brogan of 10 Dexter Lane, Ken Dawicki of 90 Acushnet Road, and Tyler Macallister of 103 Mattapoisett Neck Road.

• A letter was sent from Mr. Botelho to the Chairman of the Water/Sewer Commissioners asking that the roadway conditions along Crescent Beach be restored so that all emergency vehicles have a clear passageway.

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men was called to order on Tuesday, January 18, 2005 at 7:00 pm by Chairman David Pierce. Also present were Selectman Andrew Jeffrey, Selectman Jonathan Henry, and Town Administrator John F. Dolan Jr. Secretary Helene Craver was not present for the meeting.

The board first reviewed an outgoing letter to the Plymouth County Commission advising that Marion recently voted to terminate their participation with the Plymouth County Health Group as of July 1, 2005. In lieu of this health insurance coverage, the town recently opted to join the newly-established Gateway Health Group consisting of Marion, Mattapoisett, Carver, Lakeville and Southeastern Regional Vocational Techincal High School.

At 7:05 pm the board met with Town Treasurer Debra M. Blanchette to sign a bond anticipation note for a total $3.42 million at a rate of 2.50 percent for various pending projects including the Sippican School building project, the construction of a new water holding tank, and residential sewer betterments projects. The bond is payable by July 15, 2005 and Ms. Blanchette noted this is a temporary bond in anticipation of both state reimbursement and forthcoming tax revenues.

The board unanimously voted to sign and approve the bond anticipated note as presented by Ms. Blanchette.

The board next considered newly-updated Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Rules and Regulations which were presented to them by EMS Director Jeff

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Habicht at their last meeting.

Selectman Henry had some questions and suggested changes for the new document, including: ensuring that all regular EMS meetings comply with the Open Meeting Law, the lack of a disciplinary hearing for an EMS member being considered for action or dismissal, and the lack of a stipulated source of funding for certain EMS functions.

"I certainly think Selectman Henry has raised some interesting issues that warrant further discussion," Mr. Dolan said. "But if I'm not mistaken, these rules and regulations are already in place. It might be helpful for the (EMS) Director if those minor changes were made ... and then you meet with him to discuss further (changes)."

"If he has a set of regulations that are already in place ... I don't see why they just can't continue with that (until we adopt the new changes)," Selectman Henry said.

"Why don't we give (Mr. Habicht) an opportunity to address those (changes)?" Selectman Jeffrey asked. "I think within two weeks, Selectman Henry and Mr. Habicht can meet. After that meeting, we can have (Mr.

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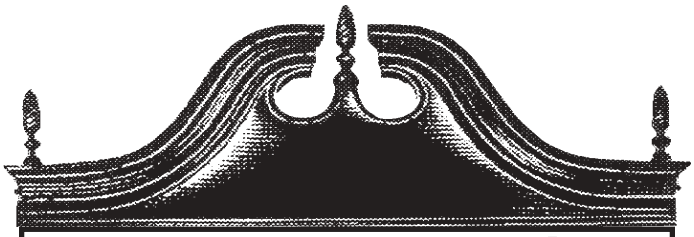


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Habicht) come in before us and respond to the recommendations."

With that, the board unanimously voted to have Selectman Henry and Town Administrator Jack Dolan meet with EMS Director Jeff Habicht to discuss and review the issues raised by Selectman Henry.

At 7:23 pm the board met with members of the Marion School Committee and ORR School Superintendent Dr. William Cooper for an annual review. According to School Committee Chairman Susan Grosart, this was an opportunity for them to update the Selectmen on progress being made in the local school.

Ms. Grosart first introduced new Sippican School Prinicpal Dona Mahoney, who came to Marion from the Plymouth School System. Ms. Mahoney said she has been very impressed with the new school building and up-to-date technology, along with the "great teachers and support staff" at Sippican School, and she was pleased to be in Marion.

"One of the most important resources we have, of course, is the students," Ms. Mahoney said. "Overall, Sippican is a community resource that I think Marion can be very proud of. I just came from a School Council meeting ... (which is) made up of an equal balance of teachers, parents and community members. Meetings are held on a monthly basis and community input is always welcome. One of the goals of the council is to develop a five-year School Action Plan."

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"The assessment tools that we have — especially MCAS — provide incredible amounts of data," Ms. Grosart said. "It gives us analysis by what they call strands: for instance, adding decimals. That allows the staff to look at what they're doing, look at what they're teaching, and find out how to do better."

Dr. Cooper then addressed some important issues which he felt needed attention over the next year. "We need to discuss at some point what are capital and what are maintenance (needs)," Dr. Cooper said. "All in all, the (Sippican School) building is in real good shape and it should be — it's new. But we're anxious to keep the building 'new' for as long as we can."

Ms. Grosart added they now have a beautiful playground facility at Sippican School and they are also working on a student garden being planned for the area near the Elizabeth Taber Library. The garden was requested by outgoing Principal Mary Lou Hobson in lieu of a more personal memorial, to be dedicated to the four students who died during her 14-year tenure at Sippican School.

"We do, however, have a whole new group of mandates called 'No Child Left Behind' that we have to deal with," Ms. Grosart said. "By 2014, all students must fall within a specific test range. We support high standards and high expectations ... but we're unhappy that

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many states are giving in and (dumbing down the tests) to comply with 'No Child Left Behind.' Unfortunately, all these mandates come with no money to support them, but we're struggling through it."

As for ongoing school budget concerns, Selectman Jeffrey echoed the sentiments of School Committee members.

"So much emphasis is put on the (school) budget since it is such a large component of the town's (annual) budget ... but I just can't emphasize the mandates enough," Selectman Jeffrey said. "When (they) are funded, over time it becomes less and less. The only way to keep (them) at the same level is to take away from

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something else. A good example is transportation. Originally it was funded at 80 percent, but then it went down to 40 percent. When we talk about level-funding, other (town) departments don't have the mandates that the school has."

The board next unanimously voted to appoint Charles R. Smith and Benjamin Cushing as members of the Marion Council on Aging (COA).

Under the Town Administrator's report, Mr. Dolan discussed a potential 28-unit Chapter 40B development being proposed for River Road. Mr. Dolan suggested scheduling a meeting to review these proposed plans at a future date and also updated the board on the Water Tower construction project and pending Requests for Proposals (RFPs) which are moving forward.

"I'm (also) pleased to report that our former Building Commissioner will be our new Building Commissioner," Mr. Dolan said. "Bill Moore has agreed to come back, effective March 1, on a full-time basis."

Selectman Jeffrey noted the next Tri-Town Selectmen's Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 20 at 6:00 pm at the Marion Town House. The meeting will *not* be held at ORR High School as previously reported.

Chairman Pierce also reported they held their first meeting of the Marion Wind Power Study Committee on Monday, January 10. "Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 31 at 7:00 pm in the Selectmen's office in the Marion Town House," Chairman Pierce said. "We would like to choose a chairman and secretary for the

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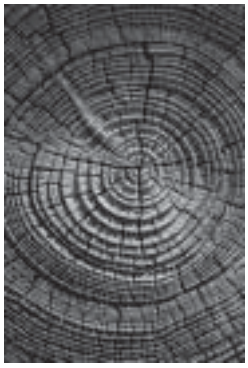
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group at that time. We're quite excited about the enthusiasm and interest ... I think it's a wonderful endeavor."

In other matters, the board sent a letter of appreciation to Dr. Clark Streeter for his past service to the town as a longtime member of the Marion Board of Health and also unanimously approved the minutes of the January 4, 2005 meeting.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 8:15 pm.

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• **Yu-Gi-Oh Club**: The Wareham Recreation Department Yu-Gi-Oh Club meets on Thursday evenings in the Multi-Service Center from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Admission is $1 per child and all fees collected are used to fund future tournaments. For more information, please contact Wareham Recreation at 508-291-3100, extension 3159.

Please send ideas, comments and suggestions to: Sports, c/o The Wanderer, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, e-mail releases to* news@wanderer.com, *or fax, 24-hours-a-day, to 508-758-4845.

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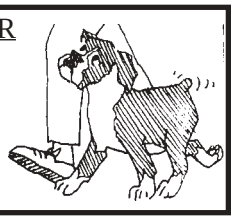
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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

(Mattapoisett) Library Night at the Kinsale Inn was a huge success. More than 200 people turned out for an evening of fun and music and a show of support for the Mattapoisett Free Public Library's building expansion. The evening grossed close to $9,000 and netted almost $6,500 after all expenses. The raffle for the ship model *Wanderer* was won by Richard T. Saunders of New Bedford and the Saunders Dwyer Funeral Home. Fittingly, Mr. Saunders intends to keep it here in Mattapoisett at the funeral home on County Road. In addition, a family pass to the

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Cape Museum of Fine Arts in Dennis was won as a door prize by Dan daLuz of Water Street Realtors in Mattapoisett.

The buffet featured some of the Inn's now already famous Irish dishes. The continuous music was energetically and professionally played and sung by Library Director Judy Wallace and her husband David Gries with the intermissions between sets expertly handled by Luana Josvold on the accordian. What great talents we have here in Mattapoisett!

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to thank a host of people who worked hard to make this event succeed: model builder Michael Sylvia, the young man who donated the very intricate model; the Friends of the Library; Seth Mendell of the Campaign; coordinators Mary Beth and Tad Morse and various other committee members who sold tickets. Once again, Michael Galway and the Kinsale Inn showed their cooperation and willingness to support Mattapoisett organiza-

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tions and activities. This is the second time within a year that they have helped the Library, the Inn being one of the new participants in our Taste of the Town, part of the Lions Club's annual Harbor Days activities.

Most importantly, I wish to thank the townspeople for their support: our fellow citizens wanted to invest in their library and to extend a helping hand. It was obvious to everyone who attended that a good time was had by all.

Sincerely,
Robert H. Atkinson, Chairman
Mattapoisett Library T rustees

To the Editor:

The loss of life and devastation from the tsunami in the Indian Ocean has affected all of us in recent days. On Monday, January 10, the staff from Center School and Old Hammondtown School (in Mattapoisett) discussed at our joint staff meeting how we could provide support to aid the victims of this devastating event. Given the extent of the devastation and its effect on the children from this area of the world, we felt compelled to do something.

Ways to raise funds, and what organization to send funds to, were discussed. A decision was made to collect money in each classroom over the next few weeks. Classroom teachers will have a container for the funds students and their parents wish to donate. The teachers will speak to the students before the end of the week about this project and how they could earn money to donate to this worthy cause. This is a freewill offering and you and your child are under no obligation to contribute to this effort. This is not a competition among the classes or between the schools. Our goal will be to collect funds until February vacation. The containers from each classroom will be put together with the containers from Old Hammondtown School classes. The total amount will then be announced to all students and their parents.

We are planning to send the funds to the "Save the Children" organization. Research has been done by a staff member to make sure these funds are sent to a legitimate agency. "Save the Children" will use the funds for programs that

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I know you are being asked to contribute to this disaster fund by other affiliations and organizations in your life. In addition, we recently asked you for donations to our Needy Children's Fund and your response was most generous. We weighed making this request in light of this recently completed effort. We encourage you to talk to your children and ask them what they would suggest doing to complete some task to earn money for their donation. Every contribution will make a difference. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,
John F. Murphy, Principal
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ORR Scholarships

Bruce Clarke, Principal of Old Rochester Regional High School, announced recently that 32 seniors were among the first 13,000 students statewide to receive the state's new John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. The scholarship is available to students whose MCAS performance puts them at the top 25 percent of their district. To be eligible, students must either score Advanced on one exam and Proficient on the other, or Advanced on both the English and Math exams.

Recipients are granted four years of free tuition at the University of Massachusetts or at any of the nine state or 15 community colleges in Massachusetts. Students who receive the Adams scholarship must complete their college program in four years or less and maintain a 3.0 grade point average.

The students from ORR are: **Bradford Allen**, **Margaret Beauvais**, **Edward Bentz**, **Danielle Blair**, **Nathan D'Olympia**, **John DiSalvo**, **Alexander Downing**, **Benjamin Garlington**, **Andrea Gillum**, **Zachary Grey**,

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Mattapoisett Pancake Supper

On Shrove Tuesday, February 8, the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, 27 Church Street in Mattapoisett, will be holding a Pancake Supper in Reynard Hall. The supper is open to the public from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Not only will pancakes be served, but also sausage, special

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Plumb Memorial Library

Winter Events

The Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester continues to offer programs catered to every age group. Along with their traditional pre-school storytime sessions, they are now continuing with their successful toddler, young adult, and adult programs that were first introduced last fall.

• **Lap-Sit Storytime for Ages Infant to 3 years on Fridays at 10:00 am:** Parents are invited to bring their toddlers to introduce them to the library storytime experience. Toddlers will sit on parents lap as age appropriate stories are read to them. Following the story session, children will have the opportunity to meet and play with other toddlers during unstructured playtime.

• **Plumb Pie Storytimes for Ages 3 to 6 on Wednesdays at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm:** The morning and afternoon session will cover the same theme. The 45-minute sessions include stories, songs and fingerplays, followed by a theme craft.

• **TGIF (Thank Goodness It's Funny) for Ages 7 to 10 on the first and third Friday of the month at 3:30 pm:** Participants are treated to a funny book read aloud

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• **Cafe Parlez Book Discussion Group for Ages 18 and Up held on the last Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm:** Join an active group of readers who enjoy an interactive discussion of a title selected each month. Themed refreshments are served at each meeting.

Library Hours

The Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester is open Monday 1:00 to 8:00 pm; Tuesday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm; Wednesday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm; Thursday 1:00 to 8:00 pm; Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; and Saturday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Marion Pork Supper

The Marion United Methodist Church, 13 County Road in Marion, is sponsoring a Roast Pork Supper on Saturday, January 29. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm and the donation is $12 per person. Please call 508-748-5032 for tickets (please leave a message).



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• **Friday, January 21** – CPR/First Aid Training for seniors and caregivers provided by Anthony Days at the COA Center from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm. Please call 508-758-4110 for more information or to register.

• **Monday, January 24** – Water Aerobics 8:00 am; SHINE Counselor 9:30 am; Garden Club 10:00 am; Fairhaven Marts 1:00 pm;

• **Tuesday, January 25** – Stop and Shop/Marts 8:00 am; Handwork Group 10:00 am; Weight Training 2:00 pm;

• **Wednesday, January 26** – Water Aerobics 8:00 am; Bingo 1:00 pm;

• **Thursday, January 27** – Me and Ed's Restaurant 12:30 pm;

• **Friday, January 28** – Shaw's 8:00 am; Weight Training 9:30 am; Senior Safety Presentation with Officers Suzan and Wunschel from 1:00 to 2:00 pm (please contact the COA office at 508-758-4110 for more details and to register).

Note: If the ORR schools are cancelled due to inclement weather, then the COA will also be closed, including all programs, trips and other activities scheduled for that day.

Marion Nomination Papers

Marion Town Clerk Debra M. Blanchette has announced that nomination papers are now available for the Annual Town Election to be held on Tuesday, May 31, 2005 for the following offices:

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• Town Moderator (1 year) – David B. Titus, incumbent;

• Board of Health (3 years) – Elizabeth S. Dunn, incumbent;

• Planning Board (3 years) – Sherman E. Briggs Jr., Julia D. Crowley, and John Rockwell, incumbents;

• Marion School Committee (3 years) – Susan S. Grosart and Karen C. Kevelson, incumbents;

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Dog Found in Rochester

Rochester Animal Control Officer Alex Wheeler reported a black Labrador retriever was found on January 12 in the vicinity of 461 Walnut Plain Road. Please call him at 508-763-5112, extension 182, for more information.

Mattapoisett Democratic Caucus

Registered Democrats in Mattapoisett will be holding a caucus at Town Hall, 16 Main Street, on Saturday, January 29 at 10:00 am to elect four delegates and four alternates to the 2005 Massachusetts Democratic Convention. Delegates will be divided equally between men and women.

The Convention will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2005 at the Paul E. Tsongas Arena in Lowell, MA. At that time, Democrats from across the state will gather to review and approve the Party Platform, a document which will serve as the official political agenda of the Massachusetts Democratic Party. A series of public hearings have been scheduled so that Democrats through-

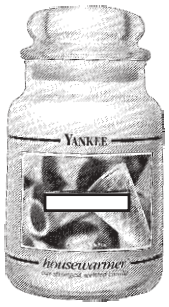
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out the state will have input into the development of this important document.

The caucus is open to all registered Democrats in Mattapoisett. Candidates for delegates and alternates must consent to nomination in writing. All candidates may make a two-minute statement and may distribute materials on their behalf. All ballots will be written and secret. Those not elected as Delegate and Alternate, who meet the qualifications, may apply to be add-on delegates in the following categories: youth, minority, and disabled.

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Marion Library Grant

The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners has awarded a $20,000 grant to the Elizabeth Taber Library in Marion for planning and design. The Board of Trustees feels the maximum amount was given in recognition of the complex issues involved in updating that library to meet the needs of the community.

In order for the library to receive the $20,000 in July, the Town of Marion will need to match these funds. Last October at a Special Town Meeting the library sought

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and received the town's approval to apply for this grant.

The next step is to determine the best option — renovation or new construction — for the library's physical structure. The intent for this grant is to fund 50 percent of the costs of those studies.

"We need architects and engineers to give us their professional opinion on which course will give the best value for the town's investment in its library's future" said Nancy Braitmayer, Co-Chairman of the Library's Planning Committee.

The Elizabeth Taber Library building is truly space-compromised. The main portion of the wooden building dates back to 1872 and was renovated to add wings on each side in 1981. According to Library Director


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Measuring by Massachusetts standards, the building has inadequate space for children's books and activities as well as quiet space for adults to read, work or hold programs. "Our goal is to have a facility that truly serves as a Community Center for the growing needs of Marion" Ms. Kleven said.

ORR Super Bowl Subs

It is that time of year again for the Friends of Old Rochester Music (FORM) Super Bowl Fundraiser. Old Rochester Regional Junior and Senior High music students are actively taking orders for 10-inch Italian subs at the price of $5 each pre-paid by check or $6 delivered to your door.

Subs will be delivered anywhere in Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester on Super Bowl Sunday, February 6, between 1:00 and 5:00 pm. Anyone residing outside of the delivery area may pick up their subs between 1:00 and 2:00 pm at Old Rochester Regional High School in the cafeteria. Payment is due upon delivery by cash or check. Please make checks payable to "Friends of Old Rochester Music." Orders must be placed by Wednesday, February 2, 2005.

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For more information or to place an order, please call Linda Harju at 508-748-0220 or Kathy Wilhelmsen at 508-758-6150 and leave a message. You can also contact any student in the ORR music program. Please order right away — Super Bowl Sunday is approaching fast!

Fairhaven Boating Course

Monday, February 7 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm will be the first night of the spring Safe Boating Course given by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 65 at 80 Middle Street in Fairhaven. The community is invited to take the 12-week course that focuses on understanding the uses of different types of boats, boating laws, protecting the marine environment, personal safety equipment, safe boat handling, navigational skills, boating problems, trailering/storage information, and guidelines for fishing, hunting, waterskiing, and river boating.

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Mattapoisett Machacam Club

The Machacam Club will hold its next monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 2 at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street in Mattapoisett. Social hour begins at 5:30 pm with dinner service at 6:00 pm.

The speaker this month will be Mike Walling, former Coast Guard veteran, who will offer a presentation based on his book, *The Bloodstained Sea.* The book offers an unforgettable history of the Coast Guard's four-year battle with the U-boats of the North Atlantic (1941-1945) in the words of the veterans who fought it.

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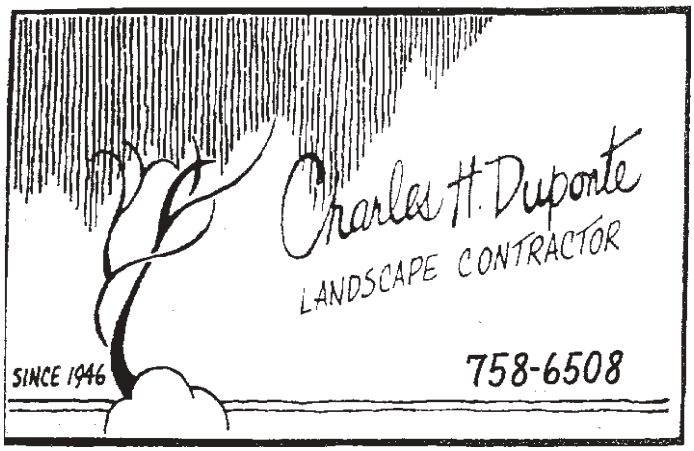
Reservations are now being accepted for the Marion Art Center's Victorian Valentine Tea Party to be held on Saturday, February 5 at 3:00 pm. There will be entertainment, crafts and fancy tea party food. Decorations include real antique valentines from the collection of Anne and Nydeck Schenck. Children and adults will have an opportunity to create their own heirloom valentines as well as other unique crafts.

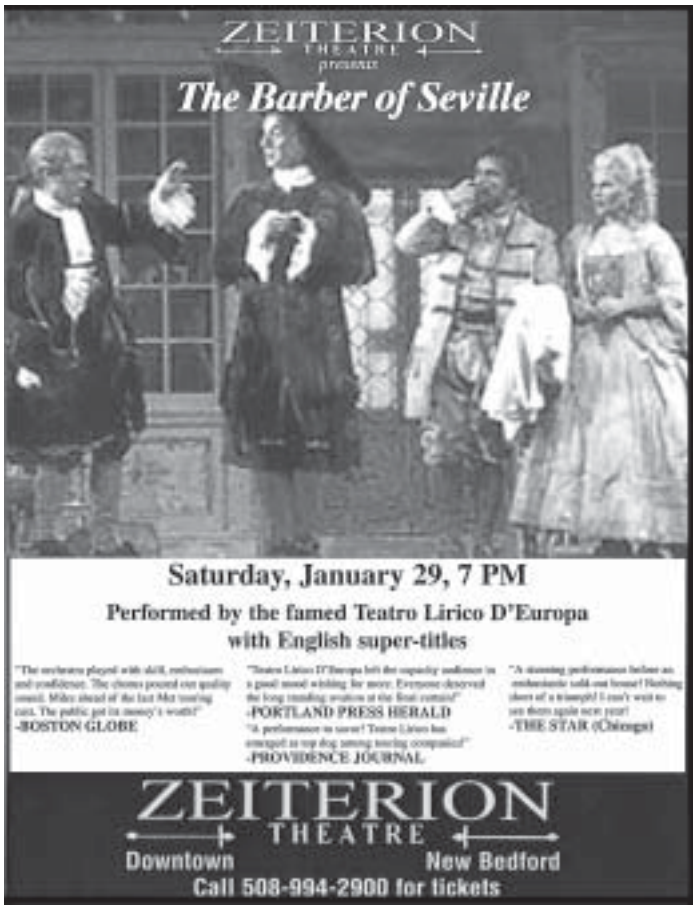
Truman Terrell will provide background music on the piano, and there will also be a surprise visit by Aunt Bedelia who will try to fit in to the ambiance of the party even though she is a century too late!

Space is limited and seating will be by reservation only. Tickets are $19 for MAC members and $25 for non-members. Please call 508-748-1266 for tickets or more information.

Love Letters

A reading of A.R. Gurney's *Love Letters* will be performed at the Marion Art Center on Saturday, February 12 at 8:00 pm by Peter and Nancy Havel. The show is directed by Susan Gould. This special event is offered free of charge, but donations will be welcome. Guests are encouraged to bring creative refreshments. Seating will be





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• April 8 - May 18: Photography Show – Ron Wilson, Peter McGowan, Robert Dunn.

• May 20 - June 22: New Work by Bo Burbank and Hattie Notman.

• June 24 - July 27: Small Works by Stephanie Warburg, Veronique Bale, Mary Ross, David Baggarly and Kathleen Dunn.

• July 29 - August 24: New England Marine Artists Invitational Show featuring selected members of the American Society of Marine Artists.

• August 26 - October 5: Members Show.

• October 7 - November 18: Nocturnal Scenes by Steven McGowan.

Acushnet Sea Shell Steppers

The Sea Shell Steppers Square Dance Club will host a Valentines Dance on Saturday evening, February 5 from 8:00 to 10:30 pm at the Acushnet Council on Aging, 59-1/2 Main Street in Acushnet, MA. Caller will be Jim Schell. For more information or directions, please contact Claire at 508-990-3277 or Jim at 508-947-9602.

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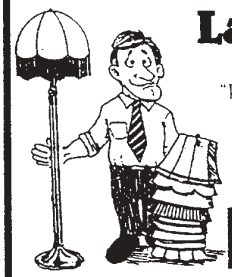
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The Klondike Derby is a Boy Scout skills and camping event, usually held in January and February each year, when there is the best chance of having a layer of snow on the ground. Sometimes nature doesn't supply the snow, so the scouts make do in the rain, mud, slush, or even just frozen ground. During the Klondike Derby, scouts from troops all over the SouthCoast region compete in round-robin events that test scouting skills such as knot-tying, cooking, and first aid, all while towing their very own dog sled.

The scouts pull the sleds that are loaded with their personal and patrol equipment. The scouts journey through woods and fields, up and down hills and stop at different activity stations (sometimes named after Alaskan towns) where they are tested on different scout skills. Usually the scouts have to use a map and a compass to navigate. As they arrive at different points, scouts are timed and test on their scouting knowledge, their team-

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Movie Review

Super Girl

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***Elektra*. Starring Jennifer Garner and Goran Visnjic. Directed by Rob Bowman. Running time: 98 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13.**

Mourning may become Elektra, the angry and traumatized assassin from 2002's *Daredevil* who's now getting her own movie, but it doesn't really become Jennifer Garner. As she showed in last spring's charming *13 Going on 30*, Garner is a gifted, unself-conscious comedienne, effortlessly likable and endearingly klutzy — notes she doesn't get to play that often on her show *Alias*, and never at all in *Elektra*. Unquestionably, Garner has the physicality and focus to play Elektra Natchios, who kills seasoned ninjas as if swatting flies. But it's kind of like watching Bruce Willis when he shuts down his personality for one of those brooding action things he does for the money every couple of years: You know he has the range, but you wouldn't know it from those movies. Garner is simply too friendly a presence to look comfortable as an ice-hearted hired killer.

That said, *Elektra* — a much better movie than the majority of critics would have you believe — makes Garner's repressed humanity work for the film. At the start, Elektra is polishing off bad men for big money (the movie, like all movies about sympathetic assassins, subscribes to Martin Blank's dictum "If I show up at your door, chances are you did something to bring me there"). She's not happy about it, or about anything else: she seems to spend her blood money on fresh brushes to scrub her floor. The movie devotes a surprising amount of time to Elektra's psyche, including a domineering dad who made her do swimming exercises, a murdered mom, and a bad case of OCD that compels her to count her steps and line up her fruits and vegetables *just so*. Between Elektra, Howard Hughes in *The Aviator*, and Tony Shalhoub on TV's *Monk*, obsessive-compulsives sure are getting an attractive face forward lately.

In any event, a movie like this demands that Elektra have a change of heart, and when she meets a family next door — widower dad Goran Visnjic and his spunky daughter Kirsten Prout — we may guess correctly that they are her next assignment, and that she, seeing herself in the girl, will balk at killing them and incur the wrath of whoever wants them dead. Soon enough, Elektra is protecting dad and daughter from The Hand, a group of martial-arts supervillains with neato-keen powers: Tattoo (Chris Ackerman), for instance, sends animals out from his skin art to spy for him, and Typhoid (the half-Norwegian half-Malaysian model Natassia Malthe, an exotic mix if ever there was one) can kill things just by gesturing in their general direction.

Elektra is one of two comic-book creations this year to be fitted for the screen from the work of Frank Miller; April's *Sin City* is the other. Miller created Elektra as an old flame and sometime enemy of the blind superhero Daredevil, and she grew from there into Miller's satire of bad-ass ninja babes in *Elektra: Assassin* (which, if adapted by Oliver Stone in his splintered *Natural Born Killers/JFK* mode as he was reportedly considering about ten years ago, would've been one hell of a ride). What's missing in this *Elektra* is a certain sense of play and imagination; if you're going to devise such outrageous villains for Elektra to battle, why can't she do away with them by more colorful methods than throwing a *sai* at them or dropping a tree on them?

My favorite character from Miller's older Elektra stories was always Stick, the blind, crotchety guru who trained her and then cast her out because she needed an anger-management course or two. Terence Stamp embodies Stick as well as anyone I can imagine, and if anyone deserves a spin-off from this spin-off it's Stamp, who bizarrely seems to have aged from the androgynous Billy Budd in his film debut 33 years ago into someone who's perfectly credible as a gnashing Cockney killer in *The Limey* and, here, a guy who seems equally at ease knocking pool balls around and pinning the muscular Jennifer Garner to the same pool table. It's Stick who brings the once-dead Elektra back to life (since she died in *Daredevil*), and it's Stamp who brings *Elektra* to life when it flags. As for Garner, once Elektra thaws out a bit and is allowed to show emotion towards the girl, Garner is on firmer ground and can safely drop her dead-affect assassin voice and *act*. But I'd still like to see her in as many romantic comedies as she has the stomach for.

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White Noise (PG-13) – 12:35, 3:00, 5:10, 7:20, 9:20
The Aviator (PG-13) – 12:15, 3:30, 6:45
Ocean's Twelve (PG-13) – 9:50
Elektra (PG-13) – 12:30, 2:50, 5:00, 7:10, 9:25
The Incredibles (PG) – 12:40
Fat Albert (PG) – 4:05
Sideways (R) – 6:55, 9:30
Coach Carter (PG-13) – 12:20, 4:05, 7:00, 9:45

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Friday, January 21 through Thursday, January 27.
The Assassination of Richard Nixon (R) – Fri: 3:55, 6:55, 9:00; Sat: 1:05, 3:55, 6:55, 9:00; Sun: 1:05, 3:55, 6:55; Mon-Thu: 3:55, 6:55
House of Flying Daggers (PG-13) – Fri: 3:35, 6:40, 9:05; Sat: 12:55, 3:35, 6:40, 9:05; Sun: 12:55, 3:35, 6:40; Mon-Thu: 3:35, 6:40
In Good Company (PG-13) – Fri: 3:45, 6:45, 9:10; Sat: 1:00, 3:45, 6:45, 9:10; Sat: 1:00, 3:45, 6:45; Mon-Thu: 3:45, 6:45
Sideways (R) – Fri: 3:30, 6:30, 9:05; Sat: 12:45, 3:30, 6:30, 9:05; Sun: 12:45, 3:30, 6:30; Mon-Thu: 3:30, 6:30
A Very Long Engagement (R) – Fri: 3:50, 7:30; Sat: 12:50, 3:50, 7:30; Sun: 12:50, 3:50, 6:30; Mon-Thu: 3:50, 6:30

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Friday, January 21 through Thursday, January 27.
Meet the Fockers (PG-13) – 1:15, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30
Fat Albert (PG) – 1:00, 3:00, 5:00
Finding Neverland (PG) – 7:15, 9:25
Elektra (PG-13) – 1:05, 3:05, 5:05, 7:10, 9:10
Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events (PG) – 1:35, 4:30, 7:15, 9:30
Are We There Yet? (PG) – 1:05, 3:05, 5:05, 7:10, 9:15
Assault on Precinct 13 (R) – 1:30, 4:15, 7:20, 9:40
Racing Stripes (PG) – 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:05
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Monday, January 24 – Hamburger/cheeseburger, ham sandwich, potato puffs, carrots, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday, January 25 – Steak'Ums, turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, peas, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday, January 26 – Popcorn chicken, bologna sandwich, rice, corn, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday, January 27 – Hot dog on a roll, ham sandwich, potato puffs, carrots, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday, January 28 – French bread pizza, tuna salad sandwich, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, milk.

• COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, January 24 – American chop suey, cut green beans, Scali bread, pears in light syrup.

Tuesday, January 25 – Minestrone soup, cold roast beef with mustard, potato salad, bulkie roll, apple.

Wednesday, January 26 – Roasted turkey with gravy, cranberry sauce, mashed potato, squash, whole wheat roll, birthday cake, graham wafer.

Thursday, January 27 – Chicken breast with supreme sauce, scalloped potatoes, broccoli and cauliflower, oatmeal bread, apricots in light syrup.

Friday, January 28 – Salmon boat with dill sauce, red bliss potatoes, peas and carrots, multi-grain roll, butterscotch pudding, sugar-free pudding.

• CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, January 24 – BBQ rib on a roll, hash browns, baked beans, chilled peaches, beef noodle soup, milk.

Tuesday, January 25 – Oven fried chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, chicken rice soup, steamed baby carrots, applesauce, milk.

Wednesday, January 26 – Baked ziti, steamed green beans, garlic bread, minestrone soup, chilled fruit, milk.

Thursday, January 27 – Sweet and sour chicken, white fluffy rice, Oriental vegetables, chicken rice soup, chilled pineapple, milk.

Friday, January 28 – Macaroni and cheese, garlic bread, tossed salad, clam chowder, orange smiles, milk.

• FORD MIDDLE SCHOOL ACUSHNET

Monday, January 24 – Golden chicken nuggets with dipping sauces, fluffy rice pilaf, sweet yellow corn, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday, January 25 – Al dente spaghetti with Italian sauce and meatballs, tender green beans, cheesy bread sticks, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday, January 26 – Tender veal sandwich, crunch lettuce and fresh tomato, creamy whipped mashed potatoes, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday, January 27 – Hot dog on a roll with all the fixings, oven baked fries, lightly toasted grilled cheese sandwich, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday, January 28 – Cheese pizza bagels, tossed salad, tuna sandwich, crunchy vegetable sticks, fresh fruit, milk.

• MEMORIAL SCHOOL ROCHESTER

Monday, January 24 – BBQ rib on a roll, hash browns, baked beans, chilled peaches, beef noodle soup, milk.

Tuesday, January 25 – Oven fried chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, chicken rice soup, steamed baby carrots, applesauce, milk.

Wednesday, January 26 – Baked ziti, steamed green beans, garlic bread, minestrone soup, chilled fruit, milk.

Thursday, January 27 – Sweet and sour chicken, white fluffy rice, Oriental vegetables, chicken rice soup, chilled pineapple, milk.

Friday, January 28 – Macaroni and cheese, garlic bread, tossed salad, clam chowder, orange smiles, milk.

• OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, January 24 – Rib-a-que, hash brown pattie, carrots, mixed fruit.

Tuesday, January 25 – Hot dog, chili, potato chips, mixed vegetables, fruit.

Wednesday, January 26 – Shaved steak, French fries, corn, chocolate chip cookie.

Thursday, January 27 – Lasagna, toasted ham and cheese, green beans, pudding.

Friday, January 28 – Soup, tuna, pizza, pretzels, peas, fruit.

• OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL, MATTAPOISETT

Monday, January 24 – BBQ rib on a roll, hash browns, baked beans, chilled peaches, beef noodle soup, milk.

Tuesday, January 25 – Oven fried chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, chicken rice soup, steamed baby carrots, applesauce, milk.

Wednesday, January 26 – Baked ziti, steamed green beans, garlic bread, minestrone soup, chilled fruit, milk.

Thursday, January 27 – Sweet and sour chicken, white fluffy rice, Oriental vegetables, chicken rice soup, chilled pineapple, milk.

Friday, January 28 – Macaroni and cheese, garlic bread, tossed salad, clam chowder, orange smiles, milk.

• SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION

Monday, January 24 – BBQ rib on a roll, hash browns, baked beans, chilled peaches, beef noodle soup, milk.

Tuesday, January 25 – Oven fried chicken, creamy mashed potatoes, chicken rice soup, steamed baby carrots, applesauce, milk.

Wednesday, January 26 – Baked ziti, steamed green beans, garlic bread, minestrone soup, chilled fruit, milk.

Thursday, January 27 – Sweet and sour chicken, white fluffy rice, Oriental vegetables, chicken rice soup, chilled pineapple, milk.

Friday, January 28 – Macaroni and cheese, garlic bread, tossed salad, clam chowder, orange smiles, milk.

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Office Hours

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Mooring, Wharf and Skiff

Mooring, Wharf and Skiff bills have been mailed on January 7 and anyone having a Mooring space, or a Wharf or Skiff space, should be in receipt of their 2005 bill. If you should have any questions concerning your bill or did not receive one and should have, please call the office at 508-758-4103. If your mooring number is between 0501

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INNER VIEWS

Sailors' Series

By Kenneth J. Souza
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The **2005 Sailors' Series** begins **January 25** at the **New Bedford Whaling Museum**. Celebrating its fifteenth year, this series of illustrated lectures presents a wide variety of experiences and adventures by individuals with lifelong commitments to sailing, boats, and the sea. Lectures will take place on Tuesday evenings at 8:00 pm in the Museum Theater. Subscriptions to the series are available at a cost of $40 for members and $50 for all others. Tickets for individual presentations, if available, cost $15. For reservations, please call 508 997-0046, extension 188.

Following are the lecture topics to be discussed:

• "Crossing the Arctic Ocean for Science and Navigating to the Ends of the Global Ocean" with Lawson Brigham – January 25, 2005:

In July and August 1994 two polar icebreakers, the United States Coast Guard Cutter (USCGC) *Polar Sea* and the Canadian Coast Guard Ship (CCGS) *Louis S. St. Laurent*, crossed the Arctic Ocean from the Bering Strait to the North Pole and to the sea ice edge north of Svalbard. The key scientific findings mark the Arctic Ocean Section Expedition as one of the significant voyages in the 20th century. The *Polar Sea* became the first ship to reach the ends of the global ocean on August 22, 1994.

Lawson Brigham was a career Coast Guard officer for 25 years. He was the commanding officer of the icebreaker *Polar Sea* at the end of his career. A graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and the U.S. Naval War College, he earned his Ph.D. in oceanography at Cambridge University. He is a member of the U.S. delegation to the Arctic Council and a major contributor to the international Arctic Climate Impact Assessment Project.

• "My Uncle, Waldo Howland" with Llewellyn Howland III – February 15, 2005:

Llewellyn Howland III is an editor of the spoken and written word, and a perennial favorite as a speaker. He brings personal and professional expertise to his advocacy for the history of the region. A yachting historian and antiquarian bookseller, he is a native of South Dartmouth, a New Bedford Whaling Museum trustee, and the nephew of Waldo Howland.

• "Catboat Summers" with John E. Conway – March 22, 2005:

In winter 1993 the Conway family purchased *Buckrammer*, an almost 100-year-old, leak- and rust-plagued, repair-hungry wooden boat. Then they set about restoring the vessel into the family "yacht."



Catboat Summers chronicles a decade's worth of adventures in New England waters through a series of short tales, each recounting one of the Conways' many extraordinary experiences aboard their hand-crafted vessel. Listeners will be enthralled by John Conway's compelling narrative and whimsical humor.

• "Iceland and Beyond" with Dave and Jaja Martin – April 12, 2005:

In 1998 Dave and Jaja Martin, along with their three small children (ages 2, 6 and 8) sailed to the Arctic on board their 33-foot steel sloop, *Driver*. Their five-year voyage took them to the shores of Iceland, northern Norway, Spitsbergen, Greenland, and New Foundland. With hundreds of stunning slides as a backdrop, the Martins recapture the thrill of living on board.

Dave and Jaja began sailing together in the 1980s aboard their 25-foot fiberglass sloop, *Direction*. During a seven-year circumnavigation they began raising their children afloat with the attitude, "We'll never know if it's possible unless we try."

The 2005 Sailors' Series is sponsored by AG Edwards, Edson International, Burr Brothers Boats, Inc., New England Ropes, Inc., and West Marine.

The Whaling Museum is located at 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford. The Museum is open daily from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and until 9:00 pm on the second Thursday of each month for AHA! Night. Admission, which is valid for two consecutive days, is free for members and children under the age of 6, $10 for adults, $9 for student and seniors 59+, and $6 for children ages 6-14.

For a complete calendar of events, please visit the Museum at **www.whalingmuseum.org**.

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Local Police Logs



MARION

The following log excerpts are for the week of January 9, 2005 through January 15, 2005:

• River Road – animal complaint
• Front Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Point Road – family disturbance/ adult arrest (assault and battery/ domestic)
• Delano Road – officer wanted
• Point Road – motor vehicle accident/hit and run/property damage
• Delano Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Wareham Road – fire alarm
• Wareham Road – suspicious activity
• Converse Road – annoying phone calls
• Pasture Lane – animal complaint
• Mill Street – motor vehicle accident/ property damage
• Bell Guzzle Lane – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• County Road – assist other police department
• Route 195 West – assist other police department
• Great Hill Drive – fire alarm
• Spring Street – officer wanted
• Quail's Crossing Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Front Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• Cove Street – annoying phone calls
• Cove Street – missing person
• Spring Street – juvenile offense/child in need of services
• Barnabas Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Spring Street – vandalism/in progress
• Delano Road – larceny/past
• Front Street – motor vehicle complaint
• Spring Street – annoying phone calls
• Front Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• Wareham Road – suspicious activity
• County Road – suspicious activity
• Point Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Mill Street – larceny/past
• Planting Island Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Stoney Run Lane – family disturbance
• Quail's Crossing Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Rebecca Drive – animal complaint
• Spring Street – officer wanted
• Sherman's Way – suspicious motor vehicle
• Delano Road – larceny/past
• Front Street – animal complaint
• Inland Road – noise complaint
• Ichabod Lane – suspicious person.

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The following log excerpts are for the week of January 2, 2005 through January 8, 2005:

• North Street – safety/road hazard
• Upland Way – animal complaint
• North Street – animal control
• Barstow Street – suspicious persons
• Tinkham Lane – fire
• Mattapoisett Neck Road – motor vehicle accident
• North Street – lost property
• River Road – animal complaint
• River Road – motor vehicle violations
• Ocean Drive – suspicious motor vehicle
• Fairhaven Road – unwanted person
• Angelica Avenue – larceny/forgery/ fraud
• Wolf Island Road – motor vehicle accident/hit and run
• North Street – suspicious persons
• Marion Road – motor vehicle accident/hit and run
• Marion Road – disturbance
• County Road – suspicious persons
• North Street – motor vehicle violations
• Pico Beach Road – harassing/ annoying phone calls
• County Road – property found
• Acushnet Road – animal control
• Highland View Avenue – gunshots reported
• North Street – assist other agency
• Acushnet Road – trespassing
• Fairhaven Road – motor vehicle accident
• North Street – weapons discharge
• Goodspeed Island – animal control
• Fairhaven Road – disturbance
• Evergreen Street – mutual aid/ police
• Park Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• Railroad Avenue – suspicious motor vehicle
• County Road – animal control.

ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of January 11, 2005 through January 18, 2005:

• New Bedford Road – motor vehicle stop
• Alley Road – animal control
• Walnut Plain Road – animal control/ police matter
• Dexter Lane – highway matter
• County Road – motor vehicle accident
• Dexter Lane – animal complaint
• Dexter Lane – highway matter
• Featherbed Lane – suspicious motor vehicle
• Marion Road – erratic operation of motor vehicle
• Vaughan Hill Road – erratic operation of motor vehicle
• Mary's Pond Road – motor vehicle accident/car hit deer
• Walnut Plain Road – runaway
• Snipatuit Road – burglar alarm
• Stuart Road – assist other agency
• Wolf Island Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Cushman Road – traffic hazard
• Neck Road – suspicious activity
• Kings Highway – highway matter
• Stevens Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• County Road – ATV/recreational vehicle complaint
• Nathaniels Drive – fire
• Neck Road – motor vehicle accident/car hit deer
• Marion Road – assist other agency
• Walnut Plain Road – animal control
• Dexter Lane – complaint
• Rounseville Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Rounseville Road – adult arrest (warrant, larceny of motor vehicle)
• High Street – motor vehicle accident
• Hartley Road – highway matter
• Snipatuit Road – motor vehicle accident
• Dexter Lane – officer wanted
• North Avenue – keep the peace
• Bowens Lane – highway matter
• North Avenue – traffic hazard.

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Census

Census forms will be arriving shortly. Please make any corrections necessary, sign and return them as soon as possible. The dog license renewal form can be found on the reverse of the census form. Census forms as well as dog license renewals can either be mailed to P.O. Box 89, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, or placed in the mail slot to the left of the front door of the Mattapoisett Town Hall. For more information, please call the Town Clerk's office at 508-758-4103.

Mattapoisett Tax Collector

The third quarter of Fiscal 2005 Actual Real Estate and Personal Property tax bills were mailed on December 30, 2004. Payments are due in the Tax Collector's Office on or before February 1, 2005. Taxpayers who would like to pay the third and fourth quarters in one payment may do so before the February 1 due date.

Questions regarding valuation or exemptions should be directed to the Assessors' Office at 508-758-4106. Taxpayers who have not received a bill should contact the Collector's Office at 508-758-4108 *immediately*.

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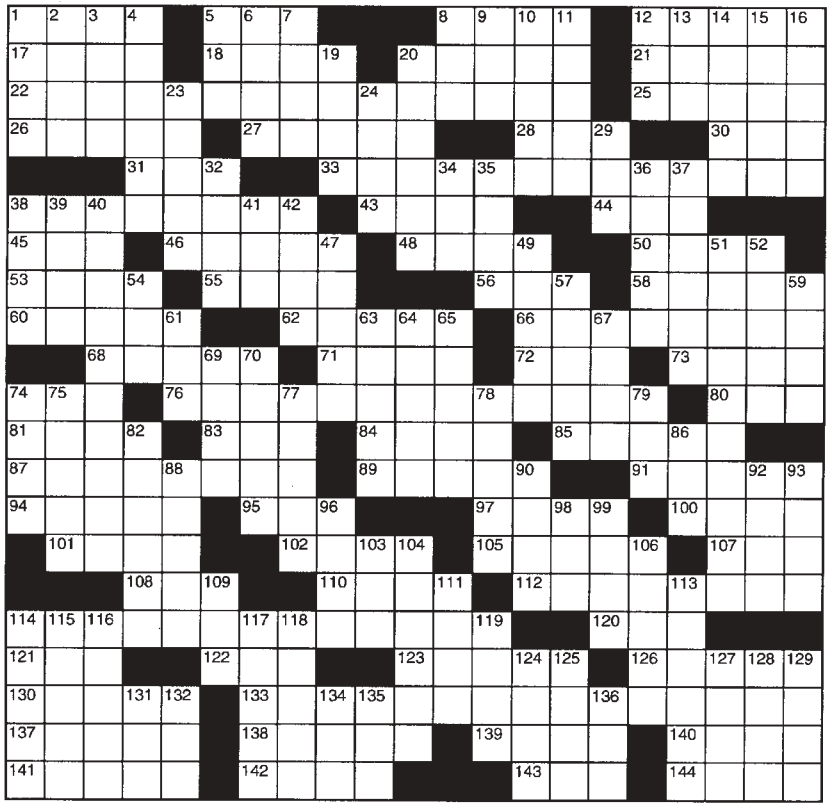
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66 Singer Elvis
68 Scandinavian
71 Handy bit of Latin
72 — Jima
73 Window part
74 "— Eyes" ('79 hit)
76 "New Look" couturier
80 Cambodia's Lon —
81 Articulated
83 Gridiron position
84 Art deco name
85 Clementi composition
87 Fit neatly
89 Philharmonic section
91 He had a gilt complex
94 Pennsylvania sect
95 Velvet finish
97 Tragic fate
100 They squeak for themselves
101 Vino center
102 Crucifix
105 Photo book
107 Trams transport it
108 Subordinate Claus?
110 Football's Aikman
112 Architect, for instance
114 "The Descent of Man" author
120 Fumble
121 Empty (of)
122 Wagner's "— fliegende Hollander"
123 Sneaks peeks
126 Carries
130 Removes the cork
133 1974 Tony-winning actress
137 "Killer Tomatoes" sound
138 Fiddled (with)
139 Screenwriter James
140 Talbot or Naldi
141 Like the kitchen sink
142 Risked a ticket
143 Scrape by, with "out"
144 Action figure

DOWN
1 Big name in Baroque
2 '68 US Open winner
3 Amritsar attire
4 Miss Muffet's nemesis
5 Word with cheese or roast
6 Homer's field
7 Bawled
8 Cover
9 "Evil Woman" rockers
10 Confuse
11 Lost luster
12 Wheel part
13 "Hi, Horace!"
14 Puniest pups
15 Inventor Howe
16 Actor Patinkin
19 Stylish
20 Bathed in butter
23 Corn holders
24 Actress Joyce
29 Makes one's mark
32 Swimmer Biondi
34 Multi-purpose vehicle
35 Lamebrain
36 Pop
37 Joins forces
38 Different
39 Around the corner
40 Covent Garden conductor
41 Dernier —
42 Grapefruit serving
47 Shimon of Israel
49 Clear
51 "The Power of Love" singer
52 Opening remark?
54 Tyson stat
57 Crockett colleague
59 TV's "My Living —"
61 Eyebrow shape
63 Aquatic mammal
64 Former African nation
65 Bring bliss
67 Santa's problem
69 Mets' milieu
70 Singer Maresca
74 Fountain order
75 Luncheonette lure
77 Gentleman of leisure?
78 "Pagliacci" soprano
79 Pirate's quaff
82 Flatt or Pearson
86 Indistinct
88 Tenor Georges
90 Auctioneer's cry
92 43,560 square feet
93 Cassandra, for one
96 Part of NB
98 UK honor
99 Ruminate
103 Legendary Bruin
104 Used a divining rod
106 High spirits
109 Nourished
111 Surprised shout
113 Terra firma
114 Misfortune
115 Hefty herbivore
116 Writer Rogers St. Johns
117 Factions
118 Sag
119 1492 vessel
124 Brink
125 Pursue
127 The Chipmunks, e.g.
128 Ferrara first family
129 Galaxy glitterer
131 Short snooze
132 Hog heaven?
134 Caustic substance
135 Rock's — Zeppelin
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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Use that Arian charm to help make a difficult workplace transition easier for everyone. News about a long-awaited decision can be confusing. Don't jump to conclusions.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Although you might well be tempted to be more extravagant than you should be at this time, I'm betting you'll let your sensible Bovine instinct guide you toward moderation.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) An opportunity for travel could come with some problems regarding travel companions and other matters. So be sure you read all the fine print before you start packing.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Make an effort to complete your usual workplace tasks before volunteering for extra duty. Scrambling to catch up later on could create some resentment among your colleagues.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A financial matter could have you rethinking your current spending plans. You might want to recheck your budget to see where you can cut back on expenses until the situation improves.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) One way to make your case for that promotion you've been hoping for might be to put your planning skills to work in helping to shape up a project that got out of hand. Good luck.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Be careful about "experts" who have no solid business background. Instead, seek advice on enhancing your business prospects from bona fide sources with good success records.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Standing up to support a colleague's viewpoint — even if it's unpopular — can be difficult if you feel outnumbered. But you'll win plaudits for your honesty and courage.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) While progress continues on resolving that recurring problem, you might feel it's taking too long. But these things always need to develop at their own pace. Be patient.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Someone close to you might have a financial problem and seek your advice. If you do decide to get involved, insist on seeing everything that might be relevant to this situation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A personal matter takes an interesting turn. The question is, do you want to follow the new path or take time out to reconsider the change? Think this through before deciding.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Moving into a new career is a big step. Check that offer carefully with someone who has been there, done that, and has the facts you'll need to help you make your decision.

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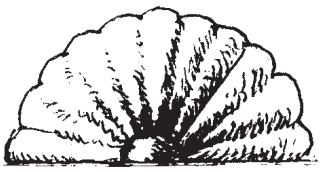
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Rochester Democratic Caucus

Registered Democrats in Rochester will be holding a caucus at the Rochester Town Hall on Saturday, February 5 to elect delegates to the 2005 Massachusetts Democratic Convention. The sign-in will begin at 9:00 am and the caucus will start promptly at 10:00 am. Voting



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LEGAL NOTICE
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BOARD OF APPEALS
#888
The Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of S.M. Shepley, Inc., 99 Cushman Road; Assessors plan 33 lots 7 & 8, who is seeking a special permit under section VIII.C.1. to allow the operation of a business (trucking) in the agricultural/ residential district. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, January 27, 2005, 7:45 PM, in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall.
Richard J. Manning, Jr., Chairman 01/ 13, 01/20

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THIRD DISTRICT COURT OF BRISTOL
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vs.
Herbert C. Fisher, Defendant
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Witness, Bernadette L. Sabra Esquire, at New Bedford, the 16th day of December, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and four.
Clerks of Courts 01/06, 01/13, 01/20

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF ROCHESTER
BOARD OF APPEALS
#887 The Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Harry A., Jr. & Helena O. Brown, 7 Burgess Avenue, Assessors Plan 26 Lot 36, who are seeking a special permit under section VIII.D.9.a. to convert a single family dwelling to a multi-family dwelling and a variance from setback requirements under section VIII.B.1. The public hearing will be held on Thursday January 27, 2005, 7:30 PM in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall.
Richard J. Manning, Chairman 01/ 13, 01/20

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF ROCHESTER
BOARD OF APPEALS
#889 The Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Bruce Maksy, Jr., 175 Dexter Lane Assessors plan 6 lot 41-B, who is seeking a special permit under section VIII.C.2.f. to allow a major farm structure in the front yard area and variances from setback requirements under section VIII.C.3. for a major farm structure. The public hearing will be held Thursday, February 10, 2005 at 7:30 PM in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall, One Constitution Way.
Richard J. Manning, Jr., Chairman 01/ 20, 01/27

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 2, 2005 at 7:10 PM in the Town House conference room on a Request for a Determination of Applicability #41D-1212 submitted by WILLIAM & RUAH PURTELL to remove an existing garage and breezeway and construct a two-story garage in its place. The project is located at 46 Front Street and is further identified as Lot 197 on Marion Assessors' Plan 16. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
Jeffrey W. Oakes, Chairman 01/20

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 2, 2005 at 7:20 PM in the Town House conference room on a Request for a Determination of Applicability #41D-1213 submitted by THE KITTANSETT CLUB to verify the delineation of the resource areas on Lots 8B and 32 at 11 Point Road, as shown on Marion Assessors' Plan 1. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
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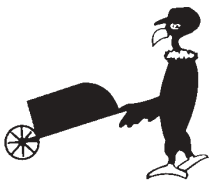
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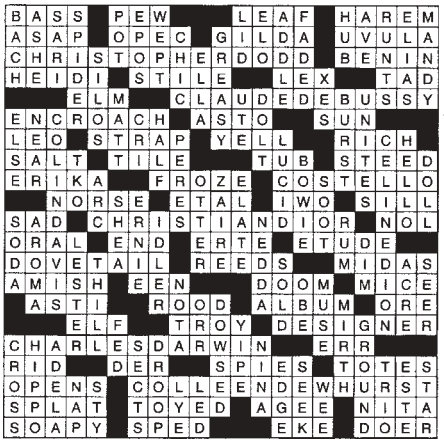
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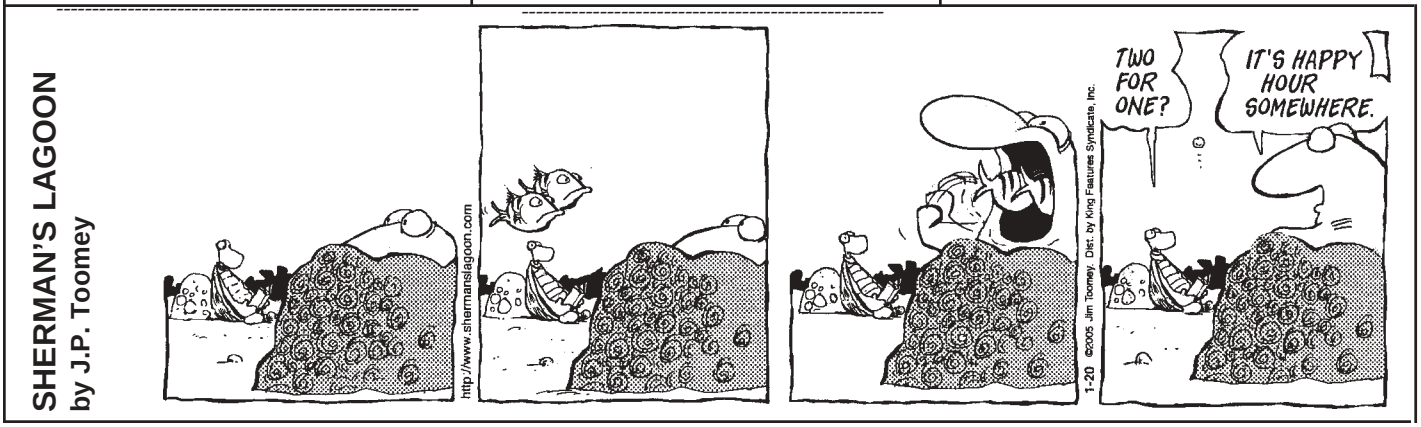
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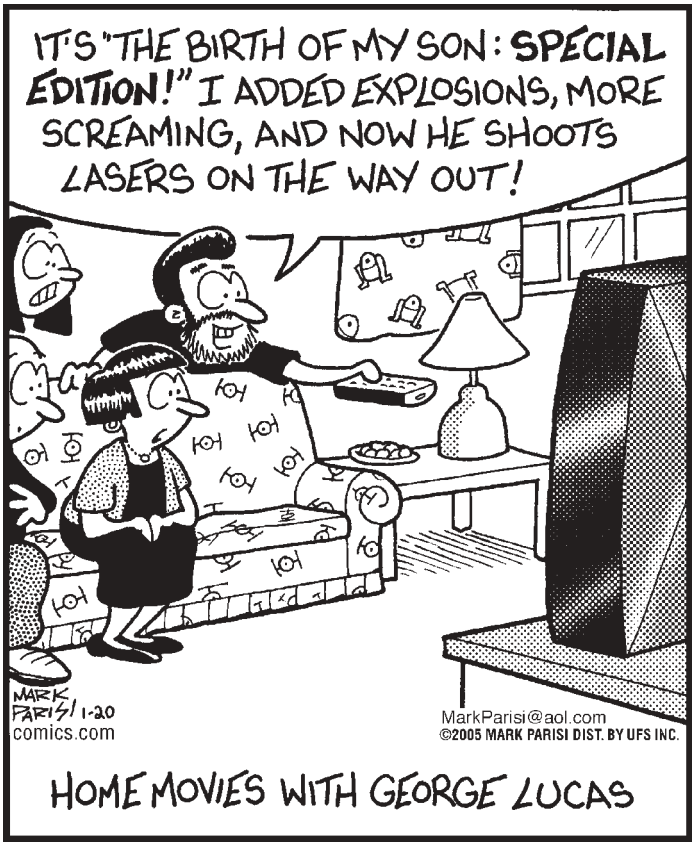
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January 21:	Fri.	5:08	5:27	11:33	10:31
January 22:	Sat.	5:58	6:13	11:59	11:18
January 23:	Sun.	6:40	6:55	12:04	12:43
January 24:	Mon.	7:18	7:34	. . .	1:19
January 25:	Tues.	7:52	8:11	12:50	1:53
January 26:	Wed.	8:26	8:48	1:34	2:26
January 27:	Thurs.	8:59	9:25	10:03	2:55
January 28:	Fri.	9:35	10:03	2:55	3:25
January 29:	Sat.	10:13	10:42	3:32	3:54
January 30:	Sun.	10:55	11:25	4:11	4:25
January 31:	Mon.	11:41	. . .	4:53	5:02
February 1:	Tues.	12:11	12:31	5:44	5:49
February 2:	Wed.	1:03	1:26	6:50	6:47
February 3:	Thurs.	2:02	2:29	8:16	7:58
February 4:	Fri.	3:09	3:38	9:38	9:09
February 5:	Sat.	4:20	4:46	10:44	10:16
February 6:	Sun.	5:23	5:47	11:41	11:18

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